



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2451

Application No.: 10/714,876

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For: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM HAVING COMMON E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR
PLURALITY OF DEVICES

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the December 10, 2008 Office Action, reconsideration of the above-dash identified Application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-31 are pending in this application. No claims are amended.

I. Pending Claims Recite Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-19 and 21-31 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Number 7,376,701 to Bhargava et al. (Bhargava) in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,219,694 to Lazaridis et al. (Lazaridis) and rejects claims 7 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bhargava, Lazaridis and U.S. Patent Number 6,801,962 to Taniguchi et al. (Tanigushi). The rejections of the claims are respectfully traversed.

Regarding claim 1, the Office Action asserts that Bhargava discloses a communication system having a mail server and a plurality of electronic devices, wherein each electronic device includes a first determination system, a second determination system and a processing